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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - RUSSIA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Front-page items on Friday morning included press remarks on Thursday by Secretary of Defense Gates, during which he reportedly urged Russia to abide by its commitment to cease all military activities in Georgia.

¶2. "Implementation of Ceasefire Agreement Indispensable" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (8/15): "Although Russia and Georgia accepted a ceasefire agreement brokered by French President Sarkozy, the agreement has apparently not been fully implemented. The agreement will be of no practical use if the parties fail to fulfill their commitments.... In order to end the current conflict, steady implementation of the agreement is needed.... The U.S. and Russia should not end their cooperation on such issues as the war on terrorism and Iran's nuclear program."

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